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WEDNESDAY HIGHLIGHTS

* Security Council and General Assembly, meeting concurrently, elect Luigi Ferrari Bravo of Italy to International Court of Justice.

* Secretary-General to leave New York tomorrow for Los Angeles; to travel on to San Francisco for events commemorating fiftieth anniversary of signing of United Nations Charter.

* UNHCR humanitarian convoy reaches Serb-controlled part of Sarajevo; UNPROFOR resupply convoy arrives in Srebrenica; NATO air patrol forces two fighters to land near Banja Luka.

* UNMIH assists with distribution of ballot papers and boxes for elections in Haiti on Sunday; says election campaign has been peaceful so far.

* Japan contributes $2 million to help UNRWA relocate headquarters from Vienna to Gaza.

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The Security Council and the General Assembly, meeting concurrently, today elected Luigi Ferrari Bravo of Italy to the International Court of Justice. Mr. Ferrari Bravo will fill the seat left vacant by the death of Judge Roberto Ago earlier this year. His term will expire on 5 February 1997.

Elections to the International Court require an absolute majority in both the Council and the Assembly. Mr. Ferrari Bravo was elected in the fourth round of secret balloting in the Council. In the Assembly, he obtained 102 votes in a second ballot.

Mr. Ferrari Bravo, one of four candidates for the post, was nominated by Greece, India, Italy, Poland, the Russian Federation and Venezuela. He has been a professor of European Community Law at the University of Rome since 1991, having begun his teaching career in 1956.

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Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali will leave Headquarters tomorrow for Los Angeles, where he will address the World Affairs Council, according to a United Nations spokesman. He will then travel on to San Francisco to participate in events commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the signing of the United Nations Charter.

On Monday morning, the Secretary-General and United States President Bill Clinton will address the Charter commemorative ceremony, the spokesman said. Mr. Boutros Boutros-Ghali will also speak at a civic luncheon later that day.

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A United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) humanitarian convoy has reached a Serb-controlled area of Sarajevo via Kiseljak, a spokesman for the Organization reported today. However, other trucks continued to be blocked on that route. A United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) resupply convoy got through to Srebrenica yesterday. Another two convoys were en route to Gorazde and Zepa today, each carrying one week's supply of food.

Meanwhile, a North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) patrol today detected two fighter aircraft flying over the town of Banja Luka, and ordered them to land. There were no indications that the aircraft had been engaged in combat activity, according to the spokesman.

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The United Nations Mission in Haiti (UNMIH) has been supporting the Haitian Government's Provisional Electoral Council in the distribution of 18 million ballot papers for upcoming elections. The Mission is also helping to deliver ballot boxes and electoral kits to some 10,000 polling places. Four helicopters, a plane, a boat and hundreds of vehicles are being used to deliver and distribute the election materials.

The Haitian people will vote on 25 June, and again on 23 July, to elect 18 senators and 83 representatives, and the members of 133 municipal councils and 565 boards of communal offices. The spokesman said the election campaign had been peaceful by any international standards.

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Japan has contributed $2 million to help the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East (UNRWA) move its headquarters from Vienna to its area of operations. Some $1.4 million will be

allocated to the construction of offices in Gaza, while the balance will be used for the construction of additional premises at UNRWA's headquarters in Amman.

The United States recently contributed $1 million towards the cost of relocating UNRWA's headquarters. The Agency has so far received a total of $4 million for the move, which will cost an estimated $13.5 million.

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